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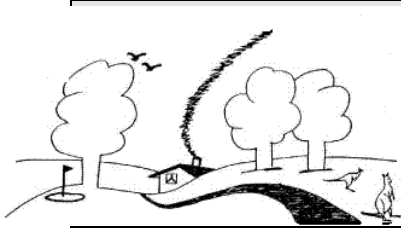
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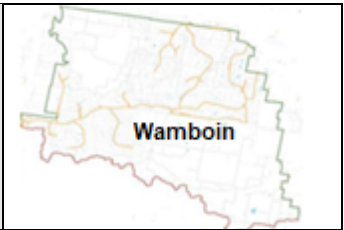
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President's Notes



Its now the middle of the year and it's **cold**.

Rabbit Talk. On Tuesday 18th June the WCA organized a community meeting on rabbits and how to get rid of them. Louise MacDonald from the South East Local Land Services came to inform the residents of Wamboin and Bywong how to deal with rabbit infestations. The talk was well attended on what could only be described as a very cold and frosty June night. Over 60 people attended and everyone seemed eager to gain information which Louise was well informed and capable of imparting. Interest was so high that another face to face event on managing rabbits will be organized by Louise and the WCA in the near future. For a full write up of this event see David McDonald's article further on in this addition of the Whisper. A great thank you to the entire Committee team who all worked to pull this one together. Family obligations meant that I was largely absent for the co-ordination of this event but the Committee got everything organized for a great night. Thank you David, Keith, Diana, Ned and Denise and also thank you very much Louise MacDonald and team for coming and sharing your knowledge with us.

Well that's it for now. Next meeting for the Wamboin Community Association is on **16th July at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm**. All welcome to attend.

Jenny Richards – President.



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Hi all,
 Who knows what metal an Olympic gold medal is mostly made of ?
 Or which rivers run through the Olympic city... or for that matter what river runs through Bywong ?
 Those who made up part of the fun at the BCA Trivia night know the answers to these and many more trivial things.
 The Trivia night has been part of the BCA calendar for many years and each time it does not fail to amuse.
 This year there was an Olympic theme as the Games are about to start in Paris at the end of the month.
 Of course, with all good trivia, there were the obligatory sporting questions, but we made the link to the Olympics as tenuous as possible, as often as possible.
 There was some stiff completion and some friendly banter with a number of locals, old hands and a highly performing table that took out the Youth award. It was good to see so many local faces. Some who we have not seen for quite a while.
 A massive thanks to the BCA committee who put on the event. Special mention to Liz who did most of the work on the Questions and the slides, Tony and Greg for the score keeping and Thelma and Carol for arranging the papers and scoresheets etc. It takes a fair amount of work from the group to make these community events happen...
 Last but not least for the Trivia night we have a MASSIVE shout out to [Bendigo bank](#) and the [The Gathering Cafe Bungendore](#) Who quite generously provided some excellent prizes for the competition. Both of these local businesses have supported our events and it is wonderful that we can support them. So Thanks!

Over the next few months we will be planning for another Community day working with the Greenways committee and the hall Committee. These days provide an opportunity for locals to get together and catch up whilst doing a walk or a working be or other actives. so keep an eye out on Face book and the website for that.

Remember, community events like these play a vital role in fostering connections and building a strong local community.

Thanks , - Justin Jarvis





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The winter months are providing the opportunity for residents to reduce fuel loads (hazard reductions), and pile burns (vegetation – on and around properties). Regularly, there is smoke in the area from these, and occasionally one might be called in via a 000 call. Mainly 000 fire calls come from motorists on the major roads who aren't familiar with the area, and it seems mostly at night. Having somebody in attendance while a burn is in progress will generally minimize the frequency of 000 calls, but they must be



investigated by the RFS. MVA's (motor vehicle accidents) and ambulance assists are the most frequent callouts we get. All members (apart from the few paid staff) of the RFS are volunteers. At certain times of the day, some brigades have limited resources to man a truck, so multiple brigades are often paged for callouts. For our area, Bungendore, Sutton, Gundaroo, Queanbeyan and Ridgeway have attended incidents in our area. Our new "ACTIV" phone paging system used throughout the RFS, logs members availability to attend or decline a callout from their own phones and lets "Firecom" (the Sydney RFS central dispatch) see who is available to get the quickest crew on scene. Members can see who else in their brigade is attending, and if drivers and crew leaders are attending as well. A description of the incident, location and

maps are available on each member's phone as part of the "ACTIV" app. Much time can be wasted when looking for an "incident". The location given by those who aren't familiar with the area can be misleading if there are not street signs or property numbering close to the location. If you come across an incident, and you can't identify where you are, there is location system which will pinpoint a three-square metre position, it's called "**What3words**". This is a unique code of every piece of land throughout the world! You can give the 000 operator, the three words given when you use this phone app to locate where you are. The RFS uses this as a



part of our location tools and can be put into our mobile data terminals by Firecom in Sydney to assist in locating an incident. Take the time to download the phone app on your family member's devices and locate your house and road entry to your property. Write them down, you never know how handy this might be in the future. A reminder that burning off in winter is still not without risks. Its generally the wind that can make a normally safe exercise, turn into something that can get out of control quickly. By simply checking the forecast winds predicted during the burn, and acting on that, will normally eliminate the probability of something going wrong. There are plenty of phone apps that will give very detailed wind speed predictions for up to 5 days (Willy weather) for example. Always check predicted wind speeds **BEFORE** you light up any fire and postpone your burn until calmer conditions are forecast. This photo is a recent pile burn that got out of control and spread into a neighbouring property. Remember that you must notify all your adjoining neighbours and complete an online "Burn notification" request at least 24 hours prior to lighting up. This applies 365 days of the year. - Stay safe! - **Don Evans**

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QPRC Mobile Library: The QPRC Mobile Library bus will be at the Wamboin Hall from 10.30-11.30am on Thursday 11 and 25 July 2024, and then fortnightly. The Mobile Library provides a wonderful opportunity to borrow books, CDs, audio books etc. Please support this great service. After you have visited the library drop into the Social Group and have a cuppa.












Wamboin Thursday Social Group: The Thursday Social Drop In Group is keen to see new people come along to the group. "As newcomers to the area, we were pleasantly surprised to find a social group close to home in Wamboin. A little dubious about joining, we were overjoyed to find this group of men and women friendly and warmly welcoming. Now it is one of the highlights of our week joining in for a coffee, chat and a game or two. They are always helpful with local information." John and Rosalie Clough. Everyone is invited to our "Christmas in July" lunch on Thursday 25 July 2024, commencing at 12.30pm. If you've been thinking about joining, why not use this opportunity as a way to meet some of the people attending the group. The group operates every Thursday morning from 10 – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way and if you have a Thursday morning free, we would love to have you pop in for a tea/coffee, chat or a game or scrabble, rummykub or cards. The group provides a wonderful chance to meet up with some local residents. We look forward to welcoming new people to the group.

Erratum: Joe Rocks Road: The June 2024 issue of *The Whisper* (pp. 18-19) contained an article that I authored 'Joe Rocks Road: a tantalising toponym'. It contained an error: paragraph 9 stated that the 'Turalla Estate' sub-division occurred in 1838 – of course it was 1938, a proofreading error. – **David MacDonald**



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Letter from One of our Local Councillors – Councillor Ross Macdonald

It's been a busy time over the start of winter, but the beautiful crisp mornings, sunny days and stunning sunsets make getting out and about and meeting people one of the best parts of being your Councillor.

There's been a lot of issues to pursue in and around Wamboin, right across the area and at the strategic level with Council's Operation Plan (the Budget) for 2024-25 having been considered and adopted. The strategic matters do have an impact on local communities – they deal with budgets, revenue and priority infrastructure. I try to consider these things through a 'greatest need, best impact' lens and I'm grateful to those who made submissions to the budget process and to those who got in touch directly about issues that matter to you.

Within the bigger pieces of work there's always things that need addressing. I always like taking up a case on behalf of a resident or the community, particularly when I believe it has the potential to make our region an even better place to live. Here's an update on a few of the issues I've been asked to look recently.

A few months ago, I was asked to investigate lighting around what has become affectionately known as, at least in Council papers, the 'Wamboin Welcome Wall'. Members of the Wamboin Community Association asked me to investigate lighting the corner for safety and beautification. I did so by way of Notice of Motion and following that have received a good deal of information from stakeholders around feasibility, cost and impact. At the last Council meeting we resolved to consider the installation of lighting in the 2025-26 budget process. Like everything, there would be cost and feasibility issues to consider though there's now a process to engage with Council formally to make your views known through next year's budget process. Stay tuned.

I was also asked to look into how the community could participate in Clean up Australia day and at Council's 12 June meeting we received an information report following my Notice of Motion on the issue. As you'd appreciate, the issue of rubbish in rural and remote communities differs from that in urban environments with roadside rubbish being a bigger problem for places like Wamboin. The changes in laws and regulation relating to work on roadsides, including volunteering for activities like Clean up Australia day makes it a costly exercise – somewhere in the order of \$10,000 for each site when you factor in all of the risk assessment studies, site inductions, traffic controllers etc. Whilst I recognise that safety must always be a primary concern I personally think that governments need to be innovative and act in ways which encourage community participation.

The Norton Road repairs are very well completed and I'm sure you feel a lot safer on that patch of road as I know I do. As many pointed out there was some issues following the works where the seal did not penetrate the sections of the pavement and stabilisation. I raised that issue with the Council staff and, as I advised those who got in touch with me about it, the issues were addressed with remediation covered by our defects liability under the contract.

Finally, earlier in the year some residents asked me about the restrictions and requirements relating to the use of fill – as many would know the use of fill is common on larger lots in places like Wamboin and the surrounding areas. It's always important to ensure the use of fill is done correctly for your own health, the environment's health and to ensure that you don't find yourself on the wrong side of the law.

Largely the governance around the use of fill comes from the NSW Environment Protection Authority. The EPA provides good guidance in relation to understanding the source of the material, supervising the delivery and the importance of record keeping. This includes warning that development consent may be required depending on the scale, nature of fill, and zoning of the land.

There's a lot of technical requirements around accepting fill which the EPA details on their website but in short, there are circumstances where fill can be imported without development consent, however there are conditions associated with this exemption. For example, a land owner cannot cut or fill by more than 600mm above or below existing ground level. The fill would have to be 1.0m off all property boundaries, 40m off a water body and not redirect the flow of surface water. For the exemption to apply the fill must be certified as VENM (Virgin Excavated Natural Material). Additionally, land in a rural or environmental zone can only have 100 cubic metres of VENM per lot. I hope this answers some questions and points you in the right direction for anything else – it's always best to ask an expert just in case. For me personally, I generally think about it like this: free fill, what's the actual cost?

As always, I'm interested to hear from you about the issues you think need addressing to make our region an even better place to live. Please come and say hi if you see me at any community events or feel free to get in touch by email, phone or reach out to me on Facebook.

- **Ross Macdonald**



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Landcare policy on problematic & potentially problematic native plants in Wamboin, Bywong & district By Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group Inc.

The April, May and June issues of *The Whisper* contained information and commentary on the topic of invasive native plants. Those discussions have led the Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group to update, and further document, the Group's policies and practices on the topic. Accordingly, the Group has developed, and is now promulgating, our new position paper 'Landcare policy on problematic and potentially problematic native plants in Wamboin, Bywong & district'. It focuses on the Landcare Group's approach with native plant species that are, or have potential to be, invasive and/or hybridising in Wamboin, Bywong and district.

This policy guides the Landcare Group's executive and members, and through them the wider community, in decision-making regarding native plant propagation, dissemination and management in our area.

Specifically, the Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group seeks to attain and maintain an appropriate balance between the propagation and dissemination of:

1. locally indigenous Australian native plants, on one hand, and
2. non-local Australian natives that have no or low potential for naturalisation or hybridisation, on the other.

Our work excludes exotic plants introduced to Australia and is entirely centered on Australian native plants.

The implementation of this policy means that the Group will continue to propagate and disseminate both local native plants and carefully chosen non-local natives, alien to our region. We acknowledge that some alien native plants, like most local ones, provide valuable ecosystem services meaning that, on balance, they can be useful introductions to our home gardens, rural properties, and ecosystems. Furthermore, we will continue to propagate and disseminate some pure forms of native plants, both local and alien, that may spread by seed and, as a result, may hybridise within particular genera. This hybridisation may *potentially* lead to adverse ecosystem impacts, and therefore will be monitored and addressed if it is observed.

The full policy paper is online at <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/gearys-gap-wamboin-landcare-group/news-listing/>; the pdf version can be accessed directly at <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/gearys-gap-wamboin-landcare-group/documents/our-groups-policy-on-problematic-and-potentially-problematic-native-plants-in-wamboin-bywong-district>.

Feedback from the community is welcomed: email ggw.landcare@gmail.com, or add your comments on our Facebook page 'Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group'.



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Nature Notes – June 2024

Jo Walker

Mid-winter was well and truly here this morning – fog, drizzle and a maximum temperature forecast of 10 degrees. We've had a few very cold nights already this month with white frosts lasting well into the morning and thick ice on the dam.

There are no flowers brightening up the landscape at the moment but there are many different shades of green displayed by the local native vegetation – and the buds on the Wattles and some of the other plants are well-advanced. And, because of the rain earlier in the month, the ground is still moist so bright green mosses are flourishing.

A nice surprise last week was a flock of a dozen or more White Ibises near a dam on Bingley Way. There were two or three of them that used to frequent Poppet Road a few years ago, and several times one of them nested in a tall tree along the road.


A friend of mine on Norton Road told me about a Wedge-tailed Eagle that came to her place recently and circled high above for a while before diving down and catching a rabbit in its talons. A pair of Eagles used to drift through the sky here but I haven't seen them for a while- possibly because the land has regenerated over the years and any prey on the ground is less visible.

Some of the Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Swamp Wallabies have joeys in their pouches. Most of them are still quite small,

but a few are already peeping out to view their surroundings. The Kangaroos have thick fur to keep them warm in cold weather, but sometimes in the early morning they have a dusting of white frost on their fur. There were several 'roos standing not far from my house a few mornings ago as the sun came up and finally reached our part of Wamboin – and there was soon a cloud of steam rising from their grey fur. Watching little events like that is what makes Wamboin such an interesting place to live.



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Kowen Kapers - Kowen Flying Fox

By Peter Komidar

Just off the dirt road leading to the Molonglo Gorge car park, parallel with the Kowen Rd entrance gate about 100 m to the south you'll find a row of rocks against a fence. These have been placed there to stop cars from entering the forest. Unfortunately, in choosing large nearby rocks to make the barrier, the workers have inadvertently dug up some crucial Kowen heritage. As you look at the row of rocks, you'll see two large concrete blocks with the remains of metal posts embedded within. These were once concrete footings of the old Kowen Flying Fox. One hundred metres east, up the hill, you'll find a flattened section. This is all that remains of the landing section of the Flying Fox.

Back in the 1990s much more of the structure was still intact. David Bullbeck describes it as follows: "It consists of a slanted wooden gateway, approximately three metres high by five metres wide, originally supported by two sets of boards thrust into the ground at about 45 degrees (only one set remains *in situ*). Some further boards span the gateway's verticals, and other boards now lie scattered around the structure. Immediately below the gateway are two coarse cement pillars from between which a cement slipway plummets down to a circular drive-around area at the foot of the escarpment".

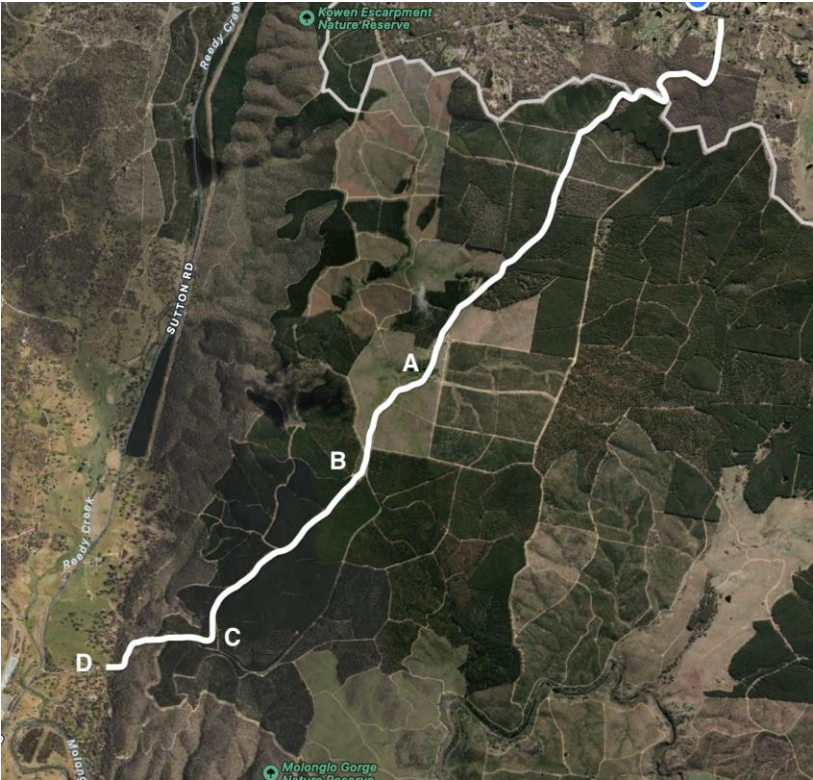
Also called 'zip lines', flying foxes are a device for carrying cargo (or humans) down a slope by means of a cable suspended between pillars at the top and bottom. While most modern flying foxes are used for recreation, Kowen's device was almost certainly used for the transport of heavy cargo. Moving heavy cargo downhill by bullock team would have taken several hours, with the use of a flying fox the same cargo could be moved downhill in a matter of minutes.

Given the nature of the metal bolts and cement, we know the structure was built around the turn of the 20th century. As the flying fox was in place long before the establishment of the pine plantation we can rule out the transport of pine logs. However, it is possible that eucalypt logs were the cargo. Alternatively, there are a number of quarries on the nearby Quarry Rd. So it is possible that the device may have been used to convey road base or shale. Meanwhile an 1872 map of the region indicates a lead mine somewhere in Kowen. It is possible that lead ore was the cargo. Finally, the cargo could have been a combination of two or more of the likely candidates. What we do know for certain is that as time progressed and the internal combustion engine replaced the horse, the flying fox fell into disuse and was left to decay (helped along by those errant road workers).

Directions: By far the easiest way to see the remains of the Flying Fox is to drive to the Kowen Rd entrance gate and then bush bash south 100 metres along the boundary fence where you'll find the concrete blocks.

However, should you wish to start from Wamboin, follow the directions as set out in the March edition of the Whisper (the Wamboin Community Association web page has an archive of previous editions) from the Old Homestead picnic ground continue south until you reach the signposted intersection of Kowen Rd, Seven Mile Rd and Fearnside Way (A). From here, follow Kowen Rd south for 1 km, passing Macquarie Rd (sign posted) then taking the second road on your right - Old Kowen Rd (B). Stay on Old Kowen Rd for 2.3 km until it crosses a bitumen road (C). This is Kowen Rd. Turn right onto Kowen Rd and follow it down to the Kowen Rd Entrance (D). If you have arranged to have someone pick you up at the Kowen Rd entrance, your journey will be 9 km. The return journey is 18 km.

A GPX file for a route which you can use on your mobile or sports watch is available upon request along with instructions on how to use it. Just email pkomidar@gmail.com



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| April - Sept | Canberra Sled Dog Club - Training/Social Gathering - Old Homestead Picnic Ground | www.canberrasleddogclub.com |
| April - TBC | Logging operations in Sparrow Hill. No access | www.facebook.com/groups/2081973678727841 |
| 17-18 August | Canberra Sled Dog Classic (race) - Old Homestead Picnic Ground | canberrasleddogclub.com |
| 24 August | Capital to Coast (trail running stage race) - Molonglo Gorge and Glenburn Heritage Precinct | capitaltocoast.com.au |
| 31 August | National Parks Association ACT - Historic Sites of Kowen walk - North Burbong | http://npaact.org.au |



Wamboin Golf

Sunday 2 June 2024. A group of 14 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition sponsored this month by the Urquharts and Crafters. We thank them for the refreshments and prizes. Only two players decided to endure the 18 holes this month, but as they were both sponsors, neither was eligible for a prize. Some handicap maintenance for next month may have been a better option but the scores suggest the handicapper will not be doing much adjusting. Glenn C (80/67) took out the 18-hole event form Col U (94/69). Eleven players contested the 9-hole competition with Cameron H (43/28) taking out first place and creating more work for the

handicapper. Travis M (51/31) was runner up with Keith F (39/32) place on count back. The junior competition was taken out by Ewan P (61/32). A googly ball was awarded to Travis M for nearly having his golf clubs adjusted by the wheels of another golf cart. The dummy was shared around to someone who walked over Col's putting line, Keith for proclaiming that he had finally won a golf ball and Vicki (in her absence) for not getting to play!

Longest drive and nearest the pin winners were: Col 2, Matt 2, Glenn 3, Paul, Keith and Chris. Ted's Jokes contained inferences to golfers observing dedicated fisherman out in the rain. We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday 7 July for a 12.30pm start for the competition sponsored by Vicki, Tim and Paul. – **Ken Gordon**

Rabbits Galore: 18 June 2024 community meeting with Local Land Services

Wamboin Community Association, Inc.

The evening of Tuesday, 18 June 2024 saw the Wamboin community hall packed out with people from Wamboin, Bywong, and district, to participate in a community meeting led by Louise MacDonald, A/Senior Biosecurity Officer, NSW Local Land Services Agency, South East. (Louise is a Wamboin resident.) The topic was the management of feral rabbits in our district. Louise and her colleagues ran the session at the invitation of the Wamboin Community Association (WCA), following expressions of concern from community members about the proliferation of rabbits in our area.

Louise commenced by reminding us about how fecund rabbits are, and the implications of that fact for rabbit control. She outlined the range of control options that are available, including 1080 and pindone baiting, fumigation of burrows, harbor destruction, biological control using Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV; calicivirus) and myxomatosis, and explosives. She emphasised that, in most cases, a combination of more than one control method produces the best results.

The seriousness of the problem in our area was highlighted by the highly engaged and active audience who had lots of questions to ask and experiences to share. Louise and her colleagues provided highly practical information and advice, reflecting the fact that they understand the particular conditions of the rural/residential area, with its variety of infrastructure and land use patterns.

Community members expressed considerable interest in what the LLS team had to say about Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT). A show of hands revealed that a half-day, face-to-face training session to be conducted in Wamboin one weekend, would be well attended. Louise and the WCA are working together to identify a date for this to occur. In the meanwhile, information on this type of training can be found online at <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/i-want-to/contactless-services/vertebrate-pesticide-induction-training>.

People who participated in the community meeting were invited to complete a short online feedback survey at https://regionalnsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3en5BJXN9g2qqVw. Responses are still being received by LLS.

Following the meeting, the LLS team provided the following links to online resources that can be used to dig a little deeper into some of the topics covered.

The WCA and the broader community generally express our gratitude to Louise and her team for presenting such an interesting and valuable session, and look forward to exploring future opportunities for strengthening rabbit control in the Wamboin and Bywong localities.

Here are the web links and notes provided by LLS following the community meeting:

Link to Pesticide Training, I am in the process of arranging a date for face-to-face training in Wamboin. Watch this space date to be advised soon through WCA

<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/i-want-to/contactless-services/vertebrate-pesticide-induction-training>

Not sure if I mentioned but the *South East Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan* are currently open for public consultation until the 8 July 2024, see below link

<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/pest-animal-management-plans-nsw/south-east>

Pest smart is a valuable resource with control options

<https://pestsmart.org.au/toolkits/european-rabbits/>

DPI: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/vertebrate-pests/pest-animals-in-nsw/rabbits/rabbit-biology>

Feral Scan: <https://www.feralscan.org.au/rabbitscan/default.aspx>

Standard Operating Procedure effective and humane management of rabbits:

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Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities:

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100 or so of us, by doing a part, got out another whole Whisper

Thank you to each of you who delivered, wrote something for or ran an ad in this July 2024 Whisper. It not would be here in front of you or anyone else without what all of us did together. We've made one more way that we residents can listen to and talk to each other.

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What the Heck Chapter 25

St Andrews church at Wamboin has plenty of trees and flowering plants which amazingly are still alive and flourishing despite the best intentions of the members to forget to water. Of course the large pines fronting Norton Road will possibly outlast most of the current congregation as both humans and radiata pines have an average life span of 80-90 years. But then the trees could have been planted in the fifties or maybe early in the 1900's. Does anyone know? They would have been planted as windbreaks for the sheep which grazed the lush grassy plains (no laughing please) of Wamboin.

Whilst the pines attract the yellow-tailed black, the many other plant varieties and the gardens attract lots of other creatures. Birds, insects, reptiles, and of course our favourite, the *Macropus Giganteus*, better known to the First Nations people as gangurru, and to the rest of us as kangaroo. Yes, they do visit the church, and we know because they leave their calling cards in the carpark.

A few years ago one of the church families erected a bird bath in the grounds amongst the shrubbery in the central garden. The hope was that this would attract more birds so that we as a congregation could do our little bit to keep up the numbers of these incredible creatures. It seemed to be working as there were regular sightings of splashes around the bath and we did not see any dirty birds, only clean birds, though I admit we did not carry out any close inspections.

Then one day we arrived to find the basin lying on the ground in lots of pieces. Our first thought was that one of us, when driving out, had unintentionally reversed into it and knocked the basin off. But that seemed to be unlikely as the stand would have been knocked over as well. But we replaced the basin anyway.

Then someone suggested that an animal may have squeezed between the shrubs to get to some enticing leaf and pushed the basin off the stand. So we accepted that theory and blamed a gangurru. – **Alan Rope**



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WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(49 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

June Rainfall Stats

June rainfall to the 30th 57.75mm
2024 total rainfall to 30/6 448.5mm

July Rainfall Stats

2023 July rainfall..... 15.25mm
Wettest July..... 142mm in 1993
Wettest July day..... 50.5mm on 10/7/91
Driest July..... 4.5mm in 1982

July Temperature Stats

2023 July maximum.....16.6°C
Hottest July day..... 18.3°C on 10/7/20
Hottest July night..... 9°C (5 times)
1988 (3 times), 24/7/90 & 8/7/93
Average day temp. 9.3°C
Warmest July..... 1993
Av. day temp. 10.8°C & nights 5.1°C
(highest day 14.1°C in 2023)

Daylight hours in July increase by 30 minutes from 9.7 to 10.2 hours. On the 19th of June we had the equal coldest night of -6°C.

Average June rainfall..... 54.8mm
2023 June rainfall..... 46.75mm
2023 total rainfall to 30/6..... 406.0mm
48yr Av. to end of June..... 327.5mm

Average July rainfall..... 51.1mm
Average no. rain days in July.... 10.6
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1980
Lowest no. rain days. 4 in 1982 & 1994

2023 July minimum.....-2.9°C
July 2023. Av. max 14.1°C & min 1.4°C
Av. July temp. 5.5°C (day+night comb.)
Coldest July day..... 1°C on 14/7/16
Coldest July night..... -5°C (7 times)
10/96, 12/11, 3 & 5/15, 22/17, 16 & 22/18
Average night temp. 1.7°C
Coldest July..... 2015
Av. day temp. 5.5°C & nights -1.5°C

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The final market of the season, just before the winter solstice, was a great success. Music from Kate, lots of craft and preserves for sale, plants, some lovely baked goods and great coffee/egg and bacon rolls as usual (inside in the warm for a change). The clothing stall was popular, with a carefully curated display thanks to Gai.

We had a visit from Nick Fry, the Community Engagement Manager, Bendigo Bank - whose territory includes the Community Bank Bungendore. He has been very helpful in helping us obtain funding for the new Wamboin booklet (yes, I'm busy collecting stories and photos and drafting....) and wanted to see Wamboin and the market for himself. Two key results from his visit - he is organising a match between his (Braidwood) golf club and the Wamboin golfers, as he was taken by the 'format' of our golf course! After enquiring and entering the 'Lunchbox Kid's Car Rally' raffle, he has also organised for the Community Bank Bungendore to sponsor Noah and Tom Corra's entry 'Wilbur', kick-starting the sponsorship with a donation of \$500 to get their fund raising over the required \$3,000 line. Well done Noah and family! All proceeds go to the Cancer Council.

I won't see you at the September market as I will be walking in the Swiss Alps. I will send out the usual reminder emails before I leave. Should be back (just) for the October market.....

Joan Mason will be running the September market for me with help from Lou Griffiths. David and Nola McDonald are supervising the road signs. Thank you all. Joan can be contacted on email ONLY at wamboinhall@gmail.com



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Discovering Yoga Advertisement By Morgan Hubbard

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It was many years ago when I was in my early 20's that I got up the courage to go to my first yoga class. I was unsure if I would fit in, if I would be flexible enough, strong enough, fit enough to be able to do it. But I did it, and I can still remember the feeling I had leaving the studio. It was this sense of connection with my body, a feeling of strength, and a feeling of calmness.

I definitely had moments, actually, a lot of moments, throughout the class where I felt lost. I had no idea where or how I was meant to be moving my body in all these new postures, with names in a language I had never even heard before. It was hard, really hard, but that sense of connection brought me back and I ended up practicing 5 mornings a week for years.

It's safe to say, I fell in love with Yoga.

It was physically hard, moving my body in a way that I didn't usually move it, holding postures, and building strength, bit by bit. It took months for me to settle in and work out what all the Sanskrit and English names for the postures were, to feel like I wasn't constantly missing bits or forgetting parts, it took even longer for me to work out how postures felt in my body, to work out the alignment being cued.

Yoga can be hard, depending on the type of yoga it can be physically challenging, mentally challenging or both, I've been practicing for almost 15 years and it's still both physically and mentally challenging for me. It's also so rewarding. Yoga allows me to work hard and rest deeply, it allows me to have the strength and mobility my body needs to move through life, as well as the mental strength, flexibility and connection needed to gently parent two fiercely independent boys.

So, I invite you to take your first step to trying yoga, or to come back to it. I invite you to join me for an afternoon workshop this July in Wamboin to Discover and Deepen your yoga practice.

28th July 1:00-3:30pm - Discover and Deepen your Yoga Practice - Wamboin Hall.

I also invite you to join me on Monday nights at the Wamboin Hall for a 90-minute practice that will challenge you, but also support you to connect with your body, breath and mind, and to rest deeply.

Hope to see you on the mat soon. - Morgan x www.grounded-motion.com



Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

I chose the Powerful Owl for July, a rare and threatened species that I have heard recently at night in Wamboin for the first time in a while.

Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*)

Size: 60-66cm (wingspan 120-140cm)

Status: Rare resident

The Powerful Owl is a huge bird, one of the world's largest owls. They are very distinctive if seen, due to their massive size and large golden eyes. Adult birds are mostly dark brown-grey above, mottled white, and mostly white below with dark brown-grey v-shaped barring, becoming thicker on breast. They also have a large tail with broad barring, and feathered legs with huge yellow feet. The male is a bit larger than the female. Many times however, they are heard at night rather than seen, due to their nocturnal habits. Their call is a distinctive deep booming "whoo-whoo", with the second note usually lower. Very occasionally, just a single "whoo" is given. The female has a higher pitched call than the male. Powerful Owls generally prefer denser and damper old growth forests, and are not uncommon closer towards the coast and in areas around Sydney (where they can often be seen at known day roosting sites), extending

north into Queensland and south into Victoria. They require large old hollow-bearing trees for nesting, and pairs also have large territories which means they occur at low densities across the landscape. They also favour areas with good possum or glider populations which form their main food source, however they also take other mammals and birds as prey. They are quite rare around the Canberra region, probably mainly due to the lack of appropriate habitat. Most records locally are from forested areas of Namadgi National Park, though there also appears to be pair or two around the Wamboin - Molonglo Gorge area, as they are recorded here from time to time such as at my place. Some of the habitat along this ridgeline contains some more forested patches including large hollow-bearing trees which would allow for these Owls to occur. In other areas of Wamboin where the habitat is more open or cleared it is unlikely you would encounter these Owls. However, keep an eye and a listen out for these huge Owls, as they are certainly a very good sight! They are listed as Vulnerable and declining in NSW so any records are of note.



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I stood up tall and looked the kangaroo in the eyes. 'Well, yes, but no. I mean, I am a chicken, but I'm no chicken. Does that make sense?'

The kangaroo looked perplexed, reaching a paw up and scratching her ear as she tried to wrap her brain around what I had said.

'Well, no. I must be honest. That doesn't make sense, are you having some sort of identity crisis?'

Before I could respond the kangaroo spoke once more.

'Tell you what, you helped me out of an uncomfortable situation, it's only fair that I return the favour. How about you hop in my pouch, and I'll get you across that road, seeing as you're too chicken, or you're not too chicken, I'm honestly not sure anymore.'

I considered the thought for a short while, the sun was getting low now and it would soon be dark, so I didn't have too much time to sit around wondering.

'Alright,' I said, 'let's do it.'

The kangaroo leaned forward and opened its pouch wide enough for me to climb up into. It was warm and soft and beyond that, quite indescribable.

I manoeuvred my body around within the pouch until my head was poking out the top and I could see the world from the point-of-view of a new joey.

'How's that?' asked the kangaroo, 'are you ready?'

I took a deep breath as the kangaroo turned towards the direction of the road.

'As ready as I'll ever be.' I said, more to myself than to the kangaroo. 'I bet we are quite a sight to see right now.'

The kangaroo nodded in acknowledgement and lunged forward at the push of its tail and the power of its legs. We bounded through the air towards the road, branches snapped and leaves whipped past as the kangaroo pushed through the last of the tree layer and the dark road came into view before us.

Without a moment's hesitation, the kangaroo continued to leap towards the road, then into the road. We were the furthest into the snaking black bitumen that I had ever been before and it felt exhilarating. The emerald-green grass was almost within reach.

As we approached the halfway point, a car came screeching around the corner from the intersection, its bright lights were blinding in the fading evening light and mesmerised the kangaroo as she struggled to find her footing for the next jump.

The tyres screeched louder and closer.

I closed my eyes.

Thud.

When I opened my eyes next, I was lying on my side, in a large tuft of soft green grass.

I made it.

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To get to the other side – by Sam Baker - Wamboin Short Story Contest – Highly Commended

I was out for a morning walk, when out of nowhere, a car came screaming around the bend on Norton Road. This was, of course, a normal occurrence, however the regular sight did nothing to calm my nerves as the speeding box of metal-on-wheels barely managed to stay on the asphalt. As it passed the cluster of trees I had dived into, the shockwave of wind and noise hit my ears, although reduced somewhat, by the surrounding leaves.

I despised the filthy machines. They did nothing but fill the air with choking black smoke, and the carelessness of the people behind the wheel often led to the untimely deaths of many of my kin. Why watch the world go by in a blur of mayhem, when you could use your own legs to pleasantly stroll from place to place, with enough time to appreciate the surroundings.

And what glorious surroundings there are. I've spent my whole life in this area they call Wamboin. An area filled with native plants and trees, rolling hills and sparkling ponds, a cacophony of wildlife, both friendly and not so friendly. And lots of cars. Red, green, white. All the colours of the rainbow, all day, and all night, racing down the arterial road that connected one town to the next.

This was the reason why I had never once crossed the road before, and explored the other side. Though it tempted me daily. From sun up to sun down I would walk the road, end to end, scavenging for food, admiring the landscape on my side of the road, and envying those that lived on the other. As beautiful as my side was, the other side held more magic, and whether that was due to the majestic wineries, the expansive horticulturalists shop, or just the shroud of mystery that blanketed the unexplored, I couldn't be sure.

I had tried to cross on a few occasions, but just like today, a speeding motorist would appear from around the bend and send me skittering back into the wilderness I came from. And so, when the world quietened down again, I picked myself up and continued my daily ritual, heading along the road in the radiant sunshine, which did well to thaw the chill from my bones.

The first hints of spring were filling the world with pleasant smells, vibrant colours, and a soothing warmth that seemed to bring the hibernating wilderness of Wamboin back to life. Birds soared the skies and tweeted songs of love and loss. Bees flew racetracks between the trees and tirelessly harvested pollen from willing flowers to save as honey. Field mice raced across grassy plains in search of new homes for the next winter where they could settle down and start another family. It was pleasing to watch the world go by with such fervour.

The winters in comparison were always long and difficult. Life seemed absent from the frozen world, food was scarce, comfort was hard to come by. But that was behind me now, and it would be my last winter on this side of the road.

I'd been telling myself the same thing for a few winters now, but this time, there was something different. I could feel in my heart that this was the one, this time I meant it, and today was the day.

There was a point in the road where it is thinnest, and there is a clear view down each end of it, which I thought might be the best spot to cross. It was dangerous though, as it was right near a busy intersection, where even more vehicles zoomed past, often at a higher speed.

The thought of picking at the juicy grapes that hung in the vineyards across the road, and whatever other unimaginable treats I would find, kept me on target. Whether I made it or not, I had to try. One last time.

As I came towards the end of the road, I could hear the rumbling of the vehicles crossing the intersection in perpetuity. Tyres rumbled and gravel tapped, as it was thrown high into the air and bounced in every direction.

My nerves began to fail me upon hearing the intimidating sounds. I found a nice warm spot in a soft patch of dirt in a clearing just beyond the tree layer that followed the road. I sat in the dirt, quiet, for some time, just listening. Before long, the afternoon sun caressed me into a slumber, and I dreamed that my body was suddenly 10 feet tall and I could cross the deadly road in a single bound.

Just as my foot was about to make contact with the lush green grass that sprouted from the earth on the other side of the road, something fell on top of me, and I jumped into the air, shocked awake, and screaming.

When I had regained my composure, I looked to the dirt patch where I had rested, and saw a rather small kangaroo, now lying where I had been.

'Why don't you watch where you're going?' I shouted at him. As I watched, and waited for a response. A sudden wave of guilt washed over me. The kangaroo appeared to be crying, and there was a thin rope of metal that was wrapped tightly around its hind legs, digging into the fur and causing small red droplets to form along its length.

'I'm so sorry,' the kangaroo mumbled as it struggled to pull itself upright, out of the dirt, 'my legs aren't working like they're supposed to.'

I approached the kangaroo, clucking in sympathy. 'No wonder, you silly thing, your legs are tied together, can you not see that?'

The kangaroo sheepishly tried to hide its embarrassment, but I knew it felt ashamed.

'What good is a kangaroo if it can't even jump properly?' I asked with a hint of humour in my voice, trying to comfort the small marsupial. 'Here, let me take a look at that.'

I leaned in close to the kangaroo's disproportionately large feet and spotted a loose end to the wire, which I tried to grasp, but it was very small, and I couldn't get a grip on it. Thinking very quickly, I bit the frayed end of the wire and pulled back with all my might, as the kangaroo squealed in pain, and rolled around in an attempt to unravel the coil.

After a few awkward attempts, we finally got the upper hand on the wire, and the kangaroo's legs were free from constraint. She stretched her legs wide and carefully stood upright as tall as she could, towering over my head.

I eyed her strong legs and enormous tail, and with a hint of defeat in my voice I whispered, 'I wish I had powerful legs like that.'

'Thank you so much for freeing me,' the kangaroo said excitedly as she bounced around the clearing, 'whatever would you want legs like mine for though? They would look awful strange on something like you.'

'If I had legs like yours I could leap over the road without fear of dodging cars I bet.'

The kangaroo looked down on me with an expression of pity and confusion.

'What are you, some kind of chicken?' (continued on page 23)